

ATTACHMENT - REMARKS

Claims 1-3 and 28-31 are pending in the present application. By this Amendment, Applicants have cancelled claims 4-10, 27, 32, 34-37 and 41-43, and have amended claims 28-31. Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance based on the discussion which follows.

Claims 4-7, 9, 32 and 41-43 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sidoti et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,590,085) (hereinafter "Sidoti") in view of Boniello (U.S. Patent No. 4,867,992) (hereinafter "Boniello"); claims 8, 10, 27, 34 and 36 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sidoti in view of Boniello, further in view of Marmo et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,311,720) (hereinafter "Marmo"); claim 35 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sidoti in view of Boniello and Marmo, further in view of Steinke (U.S. Patent No. 4,698,264) (hereinafter "Steinke"); and claim 37 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sidoti, Boniello and Marmo, further in view of Balakrishnan (U.S. Patent No. 6,299,926) (hereinafter "Balakrishnan"). However, claims 1-3 and 28-31 were indicated as being allowable.

Without addressing the merits of the prior art rejections in the outstanding final Office Action, and in order to move this case forward to allowance, Applicants have cancelled claims 4-10, 27, 32, 34-37 and 41-43. Further, Applicants have amended claim 28 to be in independent form by including subject matter of claim 4, from which claim 28 previously depended. Applicants respectfully submit that claim 28 (currently amended) includes allowable subject matter, in accordance with the statements regarding patentability of claims 28-31, which were presented in the Office Action,

parts 8 and 9, pages 10 and 11. Further, Applicants have amended claims 29-31 to depend from claim 28 (currently amended). Based on the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 28-31 are allowable, based on the outstanding Office Action.

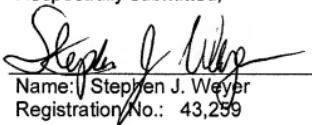
Finally, with this Amendment, Applicants have submitted an executed copy of the Rule 132 Declaration of co-inventor, Mark Norton, which was previously submitted unsigned with the response filed August 3, 2010.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner come to a contrary conclusion, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: November 29, 2010

Signed By _____
Attorney of Record _____
Name: Stephen J. Wever
Registration No.: 43,299



STITES & HARBISON PLC • 1199 North Fairfax St. • Suite 900 • Alexandria, VA 22314
TEL: 703-739-4900 • FAX: 703-739-9577 • CUSTOMER NO. 881